

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 380 – SB 419

March 3, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands the Department of Health (DOH) study of asthma. Requires the DOH to regularly analyze asthma related morbidity and mortality data, periodically assess the burden of asthma on the state's medical and economic resources, and identify the populations most seriously affected by the disease.

Requires the DOH to survey factors known to worsen asthma and assess patterns of medical care and population-based health services, and the extent of ongoing local, regional, educational, environmental, and other asthma interventions and related activities. Requires the DOH to develop and maintain measures to track and report asthma development and treatment rates.

Requires, by January 1, 2020, DOH to report asthma development and treatment rates on its website and to the Health Committee of the House of Representatives and the Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate.

Requires the DOH to use the information gained pursuant to the proposed legislation to guide the development of public health programs and asthma policy for this state.

Effective January 1, 2020.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures – \$4,300/One-Time
\$116,200/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the DOH, the proposed legislation cannot be accommodated within existing resources. The DOH will require one Epidemiologist 2 position to regularly analyze asthma related data, assess patterns, and develop and maintain measures to track and report asthma development and treatment rates.
- Due to the scope of requirements associated with the study, this position will be required prior to the effective date of January 1, 2020.
- The one-time increase in state expenditures associated with the new position is estimated to be \$4,300 (\$1,600 computer cost + \$2,700 office furniture).

- The recurring increase in state expenditures associated with the new position is estimated to be \$116,187 (\$85,524 salary + \$20,763 benefits + \$7,900 administrative cost + \$1,400 communications + \$600 supplies).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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